

**Amendments to the Claims:**

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1. (Amended) An immunological enhancement agent ~~represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 as an effective component~~ comprising the N-terminal peptide of p43 as an effective component, wherein the N-terminal peptide of p43 has any sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

2. (Cancelled):

3. (Cancelled):

4. (New): A method for inducing IL-8 production comprising administering an effective amount of the N-terminal peptide of p43 to a cell or tissue in need thereof, wherein the N-terminal peptide of p43 has any nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

5. (New) A method for inducing TNF production comprising administering an effective amount of the N-terminal peptide of p43 to a cell or tissue in need thereof, wherein the N-terminal peptide of p43 has any nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2 and SEQ ID NO: 3.

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